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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, INC., TARIFF FILING TO REVISE EXCHANGE BOUNDARIES

DOCKET NO. T-03214A-01-0898

DECISION NO. 64242

ORDER

Open Meeting
November 27 and 28, 2001
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 13, 2001, Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc. ("Citizens") filed revised exchange area boundry maps for the Heber and Pinedale Exchanges, which are both served by Citizens:

Exchange and Network Services Tariff

Check Sheet, 7th Revised Sheet No. 1

Exchange Area Maps, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1

Exchange Area Maps, 1st Revised Sheet No. 2

Exchange Area Maps, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 17-19

Exchange Area Maps, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 37 & 38

2. The exchange boundary separating the two exchanges had been revised to reflect the transfer of approximately thirteen square miles of service area (the effected area) from the Heber Exchange to the Pinedale Exchange. Citizens has received a request for service in the effected area and is currently in the process of extending facilities from the Pinedale Exchange to provide service. Citizens proposal reflects how service can most economically be provided in the effected area. According to Citizens, a facility/line extension of some eleven (11) miles would be required to serve the effected area from the Heber Exchange. A line extension of only 2 1/2 miles would be needed to

1 provide service from the Pinedale Exchange. Since it is considerably less expensive to provide service
2 from the Pinedale Exchange, line extension (construction) charges that are applicable to new
3 customers will be significantly less if service can be provided in the effected area as proposed.

4 3. Local monthly dial tone rates in the Heber and Pinedale Exchanges are the same. The
5 Heber Exchange and the Pinedale Exchange do not share the same local calling area (calls between
6 the two exchanges are long distance and toll charges apply). However, if this filing is approved,
7 customers in the effected area would benefit from a local calling area that includes the Show Low and
8 Pinetop Exchanges (in addition to the Pinedale Exchange). The Heber Exchange local calling area
9 includes the communities of Forest Lakes and Overguard.

10 4. On November 19, 2001, Citizens amended its filing. Per Staff's request, Citizens made
11 minor modifications to the legal descriptions contained in the November 13, 2001 filing:

12 Exchange and Network Services Tariff

13 Exchange Area Maps, 1st Revised Sheet No. 18

14 Exchange Area Maps, 1st Revised Sheet No. 37

15 5. Staff believes that the filing will benefit the effected residents by making telephone
16 service more affordable.

17 6. Staff recommends approval of the filing as amended.

18 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

19 1. Citizens is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,
20 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

21 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Citizens and over the subject matter in this
22 Application.

23 3. Approval of the filing will not result in a rate increase as contemplated by A.R.S. 40-250.

24 4. The Commission having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the
25 Commission's tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated November 19, 2001, concluded that the
26 filing, as amended, is reasonable, fair and equitable, and its therefore in the public interest.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the filing, as amended, be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.


BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION


CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 29TH day of November, 2001.


BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT: _____

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